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My memoranda of February 27 and April 4, 1979, serve as status reports on DEA's current cooperation with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) concerning the alleged surreptitious drugging in CIA funded and former FBI operated safehouses in New York and San Francisco.

On March 31, 1979, CIA official [REDACTED] and I returned to Washington, D.C. after having spent two weeks in Arizona and California. During April, we conducted interviews of current and former agents associated with DEA or predecessor agencies and persons who were associated with the CIA. Aside from conducting interviews in Washington, D.C., we travelled to Florida and New York. We conducted interviews in West Palm Beach and the Keys during April 9-12, and in the greater New York City area on April 26-27.

The information we developed on the east coast resulted in additional investigative leads to be explored in Chicago; Missoula, Montana; and various locations in the San Francisco area. On the morning of March 3, 1979, I received a call from CIA and was advised that we should proceed to these cities as soon as possible. It is anticipated that Mr. [REDACTED] and I will depart Washington, D.C. for those cities on Tuesday morning, May 8, 1979, and hopefully will return to Washington, D.C. on or before Monday, May 14th.

There were a total of 149 sub-projects which involved the CIA's behavioral modification programs - six of those sub-projects involved former FBI operated safehouses. The CIA has recently concluded their efforts to reconstruct the other 143 programs and have prepared a report of their findings for submission to Senator Kennedy. Their interim report also addresses the fact that a current investigation is underway to address the six sub-projects concerning the unwitting drug testing.

Aside from some additional interviews in the Washington, D.C. area of former CIA employees, we expect that our travels next week will be the last of our field work and all that will be remaining in this effort will be the analysis of our data and the preparation of a final report.

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